

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 427  
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A RESOLUTION to honor Sandy Vogel Lewis on the occasion of her retirement from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to honor those citizens who because of their dependability and expertise have become invaluable servants of their respective organizations and who through their own diligence and dedication have realized important milestones in their distinguished careers; and

WHEREAS, Sandy Vogel Lewis is one such outstanding person; endowed with uncommon insight, wisdom, and a genuine concern for others, Ms. Lewis has been a driving force behind the tremendous growth and development of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the executive assistant to the director of this renowned children's hospital, Ms. Lewis has answered the tantalizing call of retirement after twenty-eight years of loyal and dedicated service that stands unparalleled in excellence; and

WHEREAS, this well-respected lady has served St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in a number of worthy capacities, beginning her meritorious service in 1968 as secretary to Dr. Morrison, Chairman of Biochemistry; and

WHEREAS, her talents and abilities were surely realized as Ms. Lewis was promoted to Executive Secretary to St. Jude Hospital Director, then Dr. Donald Pinkel, within her first few

months of employment; it was also during this time that Ms. Lewis began her service with the ALSAC-St. Jude Board, taking minutes during meetings; and

WHEREAS, her excellent performance with the ALSAC-St. Jude Board earned her a noteworthy appointment in 1975 as she was asked to serve as National Executive Secretary to the Boards of Governors and Directors; and

WHEREAS, throughout the course of her employment, Ms. Lewis has had the opportunity to work with four distinguished hospital directors: Dr. Donald Pinkel, Dr. Alvin Mauer, Dr. Joseph Simone, and the current Dr. Arthur Nienhuis; four hospital administrators: Carl Simmons, Richard Harrington, Fred Nowak, and the current John Nash; and three ALSAC National Executive Directors: Michael Tamer, Baddia Rashid, and the current Richard C. Shadyac; and

WHEREAS, in every aspect of her employment, Ms. Lewis exemplified the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; she often went above and beyond the call of duty, exceeding all expectations; and

WHEREAS, able to balance various and sundry tasks while lending creativity to each and every one, Ms. Lewis has worked with the hospital's volunteer groups, coordinating their activities; acted as the hospital's unofficial hostess for visiting dignitaries; and established the St. Jude gift shop, a very successful endeavor that began as a \$20 a day operation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with St. Jude children, Ms. Lewis has given unreservedly of herself to the children of the community, as she is devoted to helping those in need; seeing a lack of adequate child care in the neighborhoods surrounding St. Jude, Sandy Lewis was compelled to open a child care facility to fill this void, hence, The Sandy Vogel Lewis Day Care Center; and

WHEREAS, living a life of service, which goes far beyond the spectrum of her employment, Ms. Lewis has played an active role as a volunteer for the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Jewish National Fund Council of the Mid-South, serving as president, and the Baron Hirsch Congregation, serving as secretary to the board; she presently serves on

the boards of The Marguerite Piazza Gala, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-South, Plough Towers and The Sandy Vogel Lewis Day Care Center; and

WHEREAS, her many successes aside, Ms. Lewis is most appreciative of the love and companionship she shares with her family; she is the proud mother of four fine children, Scott Vogel, Tami Eiseman, Lisa Lewis and Henry Lewis; and the grandmother of five precious grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the members of this Assembly wish to acknowledge their profound appreciation and gratitude to one of Tennessee's most esteemed citizens, Sandy Vogel Lewis, as she takes a much deserved retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Sandy Vogel Lewis for twenty-eight years of exemplary service to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, extend to her our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.